Standing Committee's views:

The National Archives of India has already acquired a large number of microfilm copies of French records, particularly those in the custody of the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris, the Dupleix Papers (1750-54) from the Archives of the Department de Seine-et-oise, and Nana Sahib's correspondence with the French authorities in Chandernagore, from the Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris. The National Archives of India has already acquired from the Institut de Chandernagor, the list of French records, prepared in 1968 by the Deputy Director of the Institute. This list is being examined and microfilm copies of these records and documents in France, which have not so far been obtained, will be acquired.

D. Private Records and Regional Records Survey Committees etc.

(6) Resolution by Dr. Jata Shankar Jha

"That the recommendation of the Tara Chand Committee for monetary aid and technical advice to the owners of private archives (Para 185) be accepted by the Government of India and given urgent effect to."

Explanatory note:

The explanation for the suggestion has already been given by the Committee in its report. It may, however, be mentioned that the recommendation of the Committee was based on the State of affairs existing in private archives a decade back. Since then their state of preservation has further deteriorated and they urgently need care and attention on our part.

Standing Committee's views:

Para 185 of the Report of the Committee on Archival Legislation dwelt mainly on the need to pursuade the owners of private records to deposit them with suitably equipped repositories. The suggestion referred to by Dr. Jha is contained in para 186 of the Report. It may be stated in this behalf, that the recommendations made by the above Committee (vide paras 176-87) of its Report were accepted in principle by the Government of India. (for reference please see statement on the action taken in respect of the recommendations of the Committee on Archival Legislation - Indian Historical Records Commission Proceedings Volume XXXVIII, page 66).

(7) Resolution by Dr. Jata Shankar Jha

"That some suitable notice be taken by the Government of India in recognition of the meritorious services of the owners of private records."

Explanatory note:

The Government notice may be in the form of Certificate of merit, Tamarapatra, etc. It may be issued by the Director of National Archives of India, on behalf of the Government of India, to the owners of private archives cooperating most for the implementation of the resolutions of the Indian Historical Records Commission for preserving records under their custody and affording reasonable facilities for their use. The award of such certificates may be made on the recommendation of the State Regional Records Survey Committee concerned. Such a notice on the part of the Government of India is bound to arouse considerable interest among the owners of private archives.